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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUBJECT DRAFT (REFTEL) FOR YOUR COMMENT
AND SUGGESTED CHANGES, WHICH SHOULD BE CABLED TO DEPARTMENT
ASAP BUT NLT SEPTEMBER 6.

2. ASSISTING GAMBIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

-- BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG TERM AID PROJECTS IN THE
FIELDS OF SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, CROP
PROTECTION, MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, AND RURAL PUBLIC
HEALTH.

-- MAINTAIN A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM OF ABOUT 50 VOLUNTEERS
WITH INCREASING EMPHASIS ON RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOP-
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MENT AND MIDDLE LEVEL TECHNICAL TRAINING.

-- CONTINUE THE PL-480 TITLE II FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, WHILE ENCOURAGING
THAT AGENCY TO REDIRECT ITS EFFORTS MORE TOWARD PROJECT-
RELATED PROGRAMS.

3. FOSTERING REGIONAL COOPERATION

-- SUPPORT MULTI-DONOR STUDIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAMBIA RIVER BASIN, TO ESTABLISH THE LEVEL OF FUTURE AID, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF A MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO FINANCE THE BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INTEGRATED BASIN DEVELOPMENT.

-- ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN SENEGAL AND THE GAMBIA, AND SUPPORT THE GAMBIA'S INTEREST IN WIDER WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION.

4. IMPROVING BILATERAL COOPERATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES

-- ENCOURAGE GAMBIAN INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES IN THE UN, OAU AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

-- CULTIVATE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF GAMBIAN POLICY-MAKERS AND OPINION-MOLDERS, KEEPING THEM FULLY APPRISED OF U.S. POSITIONS ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

5. STRENGTHENING CULTURAL RELATIONS

-- INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND YOUNGER POTENTIAL LEADERS PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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VISITOR PROGRAM.

-- AUGMENT INFORMATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF REGIONAL AND WASHINGTON-BASED USIA PERSONNEL.

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